GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting-up a new international airport at Chennai has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) & (c):- A Proposal of the State Government of Tamil Nadu for second international airport at Chennai was received and it has been examined. The State Government hasbeen informed that Government has decided to restructure selected airports of Airports Authority of India as world class airports on long term lease basis. At present, airports at four metropolises including Chennai are being taken up for this exercise. The long term leasing of airports including Chennai is in an advanced stage of implementation. Any independent major expansion project, at this juncture, will create complications and may jeopardise the whole term leasing exercise, ultimately affecting the efforts to make the existing airport at Chennai a world class airport. Further there are wide variations in the traffic projections at Chennai Airport as given by Airports authority of India and what have been indicated in the techno-economic feasibility report of Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited. Hence Tamil Nadu Governmenthas been requested to reconsider their proposal for a new international airport at Chennai.